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SUBJECT: USG FUNDING FOR GOP NARCOTICS PROGRAM

REFERENCE: (A) 75 STATE 105880, (B) 75 ISLAMABAD 4259,
(C) 75 ISLAMABAD A-117,

BEGIN SUMMARY: MISSION NARCOTICS TEAM BELIEVES THERE IS
NO POSSIBILITY TO OBLIGATE EFFICIENTLY FURTHER FUNDS
FOR ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL FIU'S OR DEVELOPING THE
INCOME SUBSTITUTE PROJECT IN SWABI DURING REMAINDER OF
FY76 INCLUDING THE FIFTH INTERIM QUARTER. RECOMMEND THE
DEPARTMENT RELEASE ANY FUNDS HELD FOR THESE PROJECTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. REFS (A) AND (B) DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF
OBLIGATING FUNDS DURING THE FIFTH QUARTER OF FY76 TO
EQUIP ADDITIONAL FIUS. DUE TO BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS
WITHIN PNCB AND DIFFICULTY IT HAS EXPERIENCED IN
REACHING COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER PAKISTAN
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, PNCB HAS NOT ESTABLISHED
ALL THE FIUS FOR WHICH USG SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT IN LATE
1974 AND EARLY 1975. MISSION DOUBTS THAT ALL THESE
FIUS WILL BE FORMED BY END OF INTERIM QUARTER. FURTHER,
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BEFORE WE OBLIGATE FUNDS TO EQUIP ADDITIONAL UNITS,

WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALLOW A LITTLE TIME TO ASSESS THE SUCCESS OF THE FIUS. WE DOUBT THIS CAN BE DONE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

3. REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IN THE SWABI TEHSIL, THE ANNEXES TO REF (C) PROPOSED OBLIGATION OF \$2,000,000 DURING THE FIFTH QUARTER OF FY76. THE GOP HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO MOVE ON THIS PROJECT AND THEN VERY SLOWLY. WE HAVE NOT YET OBLIGATED \$42,000 FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY OF THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DUE TO PROBLEMS WITHIN GOP CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF THESE FUNDS OUTSIDE EXISTING APPROVED BUDGETS. ACCORDING TO PESHAWAR UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS, WHO WILL CONDUCT THE SURVEY, IT WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS TO PRODUCE ANY DATA ON WHICH DECISIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS MIGHT BE TAKEN AND SIX MONTHS FOR COMPLETION NOT INCLUDING ONE MONTH'S MOBILIZATION. THIS PUTS THE RECEIPT OF BASIC DATA WELL INTO THE FIFTH QUARTER. CONSEQUENTLY, MISSION BELIEVES THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOP TO OBLIGATE FURTHER FUNDS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT ANY FUNDS HELD FOR EQUIPMENT OF ADDITIONAL FIUS OR FOR THE SWABI PROJECT FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY76 AND THE FIFTH QUARTER BE RELEASED TO OTHER PURPOSES.
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